

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, May 8, 2017

Present: Leslie R. Babb, Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Road Agent Scott Brooks; Police Chief Josh Shackford and approximately 30 residents

Meeting called to order at 2:10pm and Chairman Babb turned the meeting over to State Representative Mark McConkey who then introduced members of the NH Dept. of Transportation; Assistant Commissioner Bill Cass; Bureau of Traffic & Safety Mike O'Donnell and District Manager Allan Hanscom. McConkey also stated that Executive Councilor Joe Kenney would also be joining the meeting.

Paul Elie starting the meeting with a brief synopsis of the speeding issues on Elm and Old Portland Roads.

Everyone present had an opportunity to voice their concerns with the speeding through the village, parking, signage and road conditions. Some voiced concern that monies are always spent in the southern part of the state but we never receive our fair share for fixing our roadways. Cass indicated that there is always more need than resources.

Many options were reviewed to address some of these concerns. The Bureau of Traffic sets the speeds and 25mph is the lowest speed that can be set in the state and there would have to be data collected to support the change from the current speed limit. There are also radar feedback signs that the state allows the towns to place. All costs for these are borne by the town and pricing is approximately \$2,500 apiece. There may also be the options of rumble strips or narrower travel lanes.

Councilor Kenney indicated that we need to keep a strong relationship with Lakes Region Planning Commission who represents the town that has input into the state's 10 year highway improvement plan.

Babb thanked all attending the hearing so the public could be heard; McConkey stated that this was not a dead end conversation and another future meeting would be held to discuss their site visits.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm to be reconvened at the Town Office for the signing of the manifest and mail review.

Meeting reconvened at 3:21pm with the 3 Selectmen and Town Administrator present. Manifests were signed, along with minutes and mail was reviewed.

Day made a motion to reappoint Scott Cunningham to the Economic Council, Babb seconded, so voted.

Day made a motion to accept a \$2,200 grant from NH Lakes to be signed by the Chairman; seconded by Boyle, so voted.

An issue with direct deposit payroll and a missing check was addressed and will be handled by Hatch.

Meeting adjourned at 3:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

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Ernest F. Day, Jr.